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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-4.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

• \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/796,401 entitled "VARIABLE ION HAIR STYLING

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- Supplemental Response to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) Notice; 1.
- 2. Formal Drawings 1-4 on 4 sheets; and
- 3. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these documents. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of these documents; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. δδ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. No. 22-0365/HEL177/4-11US.

Respectfully submitted,

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Account No. 22-0365/HEL177/4-11US. In response to the Notice, enclosed herewith are the following documents:

- (a) Formal Drawings 1-4; and
- (b) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted.

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